

Listing of the Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a remote document history repository, comprising:

establishing a direct connection to a receiving device;

sending a document from a multifunction device to a recipient at the receiving device via the direct connection; and

recording delivery data for said sent document in said remote document history repository when said document is sent from said multifunction device, wherein said delivery data is used to automatically resend the document to the recipient from said remote document history repository independent of said multifunction device if the document is not received by the recipient; and

alternatively notifying a user that a copy of the document is available for downloading via the remote document history repository if a bounced message is returned to the multifunction device from the recipient.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising a user accessing said remote document history repository to track document flow, including tracking usage patterns and at least whether a document was received by the recipient and the time the document was received by the recipient.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein sending said document is from a multifunction device selected from the group consisting of: a multifunction peripheral, a network digital copier, an "all-in-one" device for attachment to a PC, and a network-capable scanner.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising updating said remote document history repository to indicate receipt of said sent document.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising copying said document to said remote document history repository.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising resending said document by sending said copied document from said remote document history repository.

7. (original) he method of claim 5, further comprising redirecting said document by sending said copied document from said remote document history repository to another recipient.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising copying said document to a network site.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising notifying a sender of said document that said document is undeliverable.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

monitoring receipt of said document; and

resending said document after a predetermined time based on said delivery data recorded in said remote document history repository if a receipt is not received from the recipient.

12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least the step of recording said delivery data is transparent to a user of said multifunction device.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising converting a paper document to an electronic document at a multifunction device for sending therefrom.

14. (currently amended) A method for providing a remote document history repository, comprising:

establishing a direct link to a receiving device;

sending an electronic document from a multifunction device to a recipient via the direct link to the receiving device; and

recording delivery data for said sent electronic document in said remote document history repository after said electronic document is sent from said multifunction device, wherein said delivery data is accessed by a receipt service from said remote document history repository and used to automatically redirect the document to another recipient from said remote document history

repository independent of said multifunction device if the document is not received by the recipient as determined by the receipt service or if the document is bounced back to the multifunction device by the recipient.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising updating said remote document history repository to indicate receipt of said sent electronic document.

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The method of claim [[16]] 14, further comprising notifying an intended recipient of said electronic document that said copied electronic document is available from said network site.

18. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising notifying a sender that said electronic document is undeliverable.

19. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
monitoring receipt of said electronic document; and
resending said electronic document after a predetermined time based on said delivery data recorded in said remote document history repository.

20. (currently amended) A multifunction device comprising application software on a computer-readable media for recording delivery data in a remote document history repository when a document is sent from said multifunction device over a direct link to a receiving device, the delivery data accessed from said remote document history repository and used to automatically resend the document if the document is not received by the receiving device or used to make the document available to a user via a network site if the document is bounced by the receiving device.

21. (original) The multifunction device of claim 20, wherein said application software records at least an identity of said multifunction device and an identity of said document sent therefrom in said remote document history repository.

22. (original) The multifunction device of claim 20, wherein said application software copies said document to said remote document history repository.

23. (previously presented) The multifunction device of claim 22, wherein said application software further comprises an interface for a user to access said document copied to said remote document history repository.

24. (original) The multifunction device of claim 20, wherein said application software further comprises an interface for displaying said delivery data.

25. (currently amended) A system comprising:

a multifunction device for imaging documents and sending the documents from the multifunction device over a direct link to a receiving device to at least one recipient;

a receipt service operatively associated with the multifunction device and the recipient, the receipt service tracking receipt of a document sent from the multifunction device;

a remote document history repository operatively associated with the multifunction device and the receipt service, ~~the remote document history repository automatically receiving input from the receipt service wherein the receipt service reads return receipts from the at least one recipient and formats information in the receipt to include at least the time that the document was received and the identity of the recipient for recording in the remote document history repository to enhance tracking document flow by a user.~~

26. (previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the receipt service automatically resends the document from the remote document history repository if the document is not received by the recipient.

27. (previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the receipt service automatically redirects the document from the remote document history repository to another recipient if the document is not received by the recipient.

28. (previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the receipt service automatically updates delivery information for the document in the remote document history repository to indicate receipt by the recipient.